

## IOWA LEGISLATORS READY

Republicans Hold Caucuses and Dispose of All Doubts.

EATON TO BE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Senators Allison and Doolittle Open Headquarters in Preparation for the Re-nominations They Expect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The week closed with final preparations all made for the opening of the general assembly on Monday. It is usual for the two houses to do nothing more than complete the organization on the first day. This will be the case today and all matters of doubt were disposed of finally. On Monday the houses will be called together by the present lieutenant governor and by an old member of the house. Lieutenant Governor Herriott will not assume the gavel until Thursday immediately after the inauguration. William L. Eaton will be made speaker probably on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday the biennial message of the governor will be laid before the two houses. It is the shortest message which has been prepared in many years.

Before going into the house republican caucus this afternoon Mr. Eaton, who was accorded the nomination by acclamation, gave out a list of the chairmen of six of the most important committees in the house as he will name them. These are: Ways and Means—M. L. Temple of Clarke county; Judiciary—George W. Clarke of Dallas county; Appropriations—John Hughes of Iowa county; Railroads and Commerce—C. A. Wile of Black Hawk county; Municipal Corporations—C. W. Carter of Hardin county; Congressional Districts—J. F. Furry of Madison county.

The surprise in this list is that of making Furry chairman of the committee to re-district the state. He had not been mentioned in connection with that place. Mr. Eaton says that he will make the committee consist of twenty-two republicans, or two from each one of the present districts, and a number of democrats. Temple was head of the judiciary committee two years ago and has had longer service than Clarke, but the latter is regarded as the ablest man in the committee, which does the most work of all. The remainder of the committees will not be named for several days.

## House Republican Caucus.

Representative Payne presided at the republican caucus held this afternoon. The following were selected as the officers and employees of the house, all by acclamation: W. L. Eaton of Howard county.

Chief Clerk—Rush Benedict of Shelby county.

First Assistant—J. C. Crockett of Eldora.

Second Assistant—John A. Cook of Hamilton.

Enrolling Clerk—Mrs. M. C. Heist of Eldon.

Enrolling Clerk—Miss Emma Wheeler of Cerro Gordo county.

Journal Clerk—Harry E. Griffin of Maquoketa and Ford Howell of Des Moines.

Assistant Postmistress—Miss Hester Runyan of Osceola.

Bill Clerk—Bessie Conger of Washington.

File Clerk—C. F. Schell of Beloit.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Charles W. Reynolds of Grundy center.

Chief Doorkeeper—J. B. Lewis of Spencer.

Assistant Doorkeepers—J. O. Lias of O'Brien county; John DeLong of Boone county; T. W. Hazleton of Winnebago county; F. C. Fritz of Guthrie county; M. Fitzpatrick of Iowa county; R. P. Harrie of Polk county; W. S. Page of Clayton county; Robert Hazzard of Jasper county; J. W. Wilson of Harrison county; J. N. Hays of Boone county; J. N. Wright of Scott county; Ed Ross of Woodbury county.

Pages—Samuel Moore of Davis county; Earl W. Riley of Decatur county; W. J. Long of Polk county; Harry Sokol of Jackson county; Larkin Crawford of Polk county; Clarence Miller of Story county; Roscoe G. Conklin of Greene county; R. H. and Woodruff of Woodbury county; Bertie H. Winslow of Polk county.

## Senate Republican Caucus.

The senate caucus was held in the evening and the following were selected for the chief positions:

Secretary—G. A. Newman of Cedar Falls.

First Assistant—D. A. Alexander of Madison.

Second Assistant—H. C. Lounsbury of Marshalltown.

Enrolling Clerk—Leis M. Rigby of Des Moines.

Enrolling Clerk—Ella Christie of Oskaloosa.

Bill Clerk—Kate Shelby of Boone.

File Clerk—W. E. Griswold of Independence.

Journal Clerk—Cecil Dixon of Fort Dodge and John Conolly of Des Moines.

Sergeant-at-Arms—E. C. Collins of Fort Dodge.

Chief Doorkeeper—J. H. Serene of Lansing.

Postmistress—Edith Leffingwell of Gladwin.

The democrats of the legislature failed to agree on anything at their joint caucus this evening. A number of the democrats want to name two silver candidates for senator and the gold democrats will not agree to it. They will not decide the matter until next week.

The senate republican caucus was held this evening and the state carried through. Miss Christie of Cedar Falls was elected enrolling clerk and this was practically the only contest in the caucus.

The speaker and lieutenant governor announced the committee on inauguration this evening as follows: Representatives Teachout, Sweezy, Cummings, Nagle, Gilchrist and Walters; Senators Dowell, Smith, Junkin, Healy and Howard.

Senator Doolittle arrived in the city this evening and will open headquarters Monday, to remain a week.

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## PROSECUTIONS FOLLOW SHAW BANQUET.

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## ENGINEER GIVEN RELEASE

Leaves Tomb Prison Under Bond of Ten Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Engineer John M. Wisker, who was arrested after Wednesday's accident in the New York Central tunnel, was reported today to be in better mental and physical condition than he had been at any time since the wreck. The news that bail would be accepted and that he probably would be able to leave the Tomb today cheered him very much.

C. C. Paulding of the law department of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, called at the coroner's office and expressed his desire to go bail for Wisker. The coroner said last night that he would not accept the bail from the New York Central. Mr. Paulding said it was the intention of the railroad company to give Wisker a life position in the yards and that he would enter upon his new duties as soon as the coroner released him.

All of the injured were reported today to be doing as well as could be expected.

Later in the day Wisker was released under \$10,000 bonds, furnished by a surety company at the request of the New York Central Railroad company.

District Attorney Jerome, an assistant and associate commissioners Baker and Cole had a consultation today. At its close the district attorney said that on Tuesday next the examining of witnesses will be resumed. At that time, he said, some further information might be made public.

## MAYORALTY CONTEST DECIDED

Supreme Court Gives Topeka Office to the Democratic Candidate.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 11.—The supreme court today decided the Parker-Hughes mayoralty contest case in favor of Albert Parker, the democratic candidate.

The election last spring was very exciting and was hotly contested. It occurred at the time Carrie Nation was waging a hatchet crusade against the joints. Colonel Hughes was the candidate for the Law and Order party and was pledged to enforce the prohibition law. Parker, while not pledged, was the logical candidate of the liberal element. The women were especially active during the campaign, and although election day was very disagreeable, cast 5,000 of the 13,000 votes polled.

Colonel Hughes received nearly two-thirds of this vote. On the face of the returns Parker received a majority of 11.

Upon canvassing the returns the city council found an error had been made in footed the tally sheets and issued a certificate of election to Hughes. Parker contested on the ground that the council had no right to go back of the face of the returns.

The case reached the supreme court, where a recount of the ballots was made. The recount showed that twenty-four doubly marked ballots had been counted for Parker. The attorneys on both sides agreed to argue the case on the legality of these ballots. The court holds the ballots are legal, which gives Parker a majority of seventeen.

## SUIT AGAINST RAILROADS

Enormous Litigation is Said to be Contemplated as Result of Hearings.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The Record-Herald will tomorrow: As a result of the testimony given before the Interstate Commerce commission at Chicago suits aggregating \$20,000,000 probably will be brought against the railroad companies operating lines between here and the Missouri river to recover charges illegally made for the shipping of cattle.

A movement is on foot to have the various cattle-growers and shippers' associations combine with a view of bringing test cases against the railroads. The suits which are contemplated will be for a recovery of the difference between the tariff rates and the rates paid on packing house products since June 30, 1901, cattle being entitled to equal rates with packing house products. The cattlemen base their hope of recovery upon the rulings of the supreme court to the effect that the same rate must be made for the transportation of cattle that is made for dressed beef and the products made from cattle.

## INSPECT WEST POINT ACADEMY

Members of Congress and Army Officers Examine Buildings and Grounds.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The members of congress and army officers, delegates to make an inspection of the West Point buildings and grounds, arrived today. They were met at the railroad station by Colonel Miller, the commandant, Adjutant Rivers and a detachment of cavalry. A salute of seventeen guns was fired, and the committee was conveyed to the academy building. The delegation consisted of General Corbin, his assistants, Colonels Carter, Barry and Johnson; Senators Hawley of Connecticut, Scott of West Virginia, and Quarles of Wisconsin, and Representatives Dick of Ohio, Parker of New Jersey, Sulzer of New York, Slayden of Texas, Prince of Illinois, Stevens of Minnesota, Reeh of Wisconsin, Broussard of Mississippi, Keaton of New York, Capron of Rhode Island, Brick of Maryland, Root of New Mexico, and Snodgrass of Tennessee.

The committee started on a thorough inspection of the buildings of the post.

## WOMAN FOILS THE ROBBERS

Runs with Money When Asked by Desperados to Produce the Treasure.

BELLELEVILLE, Mich., Jan. 11.—The store of F. L. Robbe here was entered by three masked men, who held up the occupants and attempted to rob the cashier, who was paying off thirty employees of the Detroit Sanitary company.

Miss Edith Robbe was at the cashier's desk. The robbers made a demand on Miss Robbe for the money then on the counter, but the girl ran out of the room, closely pursued by one of the robbers. She managed, however, to escape to the main street, where she was rescued by a crowd of other men, after holding the crowd in the store at bay for a few minutes, became alarmed at the commotion and, grabbing a money sack on the counter which contained a small sum, escaped.

## PREPARE MEMORIAL PROGRAM

House and Senate Committees Arrange for Ceremonial Meeting in Honor of McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The joint committee of the senate and house of representatives, appointed to make arrangements for a memorial meeting in honor of President McKinley at which Secretary Hay will deliver an address, decided today that the proposed meeting should be held in the hall of representatives at noon February 2.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the committee held in the morning. The senate at which Senator Foraker presided.

The chairman was authorized to appoint

## THE GREAT JANUARY CLEARING SALE AT

## THE CONTINENTAL

has only just begun—bigger bargains than ever are here for Monday. The entire \$50,000 stock must be disposed of—not a few odds and ends or broken sizes, but our whole stock of men's and boys' clothing. We mean to open up this spring with an absolutely new and larger stock than ever. Everything in the store now must be closed out.

Men's Suits Monday Men's O'coats Monday

Suits worth \$25.00 and selling for that every day, now 15.00 \$25.00 overcoats marked down for Monday to 15.00

Suits that have never sold for less than \$20.00, Monday 13.50 \$15.00 overcoats marked down for Monday to 11.50

A regular \$15.00 suit, marked down for Monday's sale at 9.50 \$10.00 overcoats marked down for Monday to 9.50

A \$22.00 suit, never been sold at whole sale, at our Monday's price 14.00 \$22.00 overcoats marked down for Monday to 14.00

A suit worth \$10.00 of any man's money, marked down to 5.00 \$10.00 overcoats marked down for Monday to 5.00

## Great January Clearing Sale of Boys' 2-piece Suits

Through a mistake of our advertising man these two-piece suits were not advertised for Saturday—but they will be on sale Monday morning—These suits are worth we don't know how much more than we ask—we don't care—but they must be sold—One, two, three or six suits of each is enough to justify us in cutting prices beyond all reach of our competitors

Boys' Suits Monday Young Men's Suits Monday

Boys' suits, worth \$5.50, in cheviot and cassimere, with long trousers, in sizes 11 to 14 3.85 The greatest reduction of all is boys' suits in the big sizes—15 to 19 years—half what the suits are worth. We have hundreds of these suits which must be closed out at this great sale where cost cuts no figure, as our boys' department opens the season with an entire new stock. These young men's suits are marked—

Boys' suits, worth \$6 and \$6.50, high grade goods, and broken lots, chevils, cassimere and worsteds, sizes 11 to 15 only, Monday 4.50

Boys' suits, worth \$7.00 and \$7.50, in cassimere and chevils, sizes 11 to 15, will go Monday for 5.00 4.50-5.00-6.75-7.50-8.75

Boys' Knee Pants—

at only three prices, worth twice as much—

—37c, 59c, 75c

## THE CONTINENTAL CLOTHING CO., N. E. Cor. 15th &amp; Douglas Streets.

an executive committee of eleven to arrange the details of the ceremony and a committee of seven on publication of the proceedings.

## CATTLEMEN GO TO PRISON

Two Prominent Montana Ranchers Are Convicted of Stealing from Indians.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—Samuel Garvin and Robert E. Lee, well known eastern Montana cattlemen, who were recently convicted in the United States court of cattle stealing, were today sentenced by Judge Knowlton to serve one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000 each.

The trial was one of the most notable cattle stealing cases in the west. The men were charged with stealing over 700 head of cattle from Crow Indians and driving them from the reservation into Garvin's basin, an almost inaccessible valley in the mountains.

## PAYNE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Postmaster General Leaves Milwaukee to Assume His Official Duties at Capital.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 11.—Postmaster General Henry C. Payne, Mr. Payne and his wife, Miss Louise Jones, left Milwaukee today for Washington, where Mr. Payne goes to assume his official duties.

Prior to his departure for the capital, Payne was given a rousing send-off by his old associates of the Milwaukee Street railway. A large number of his Milwaukee friends were at the depot to wish him God-speed.

## FIRE RECORD.

Four Persons Horribly Burned.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Jan. 11.—The home of Henry Plaut was destroyed by fire early today and the eleven inmates barely escaped with their lives. Four members of the family were horribly burned in making their escape from the house, their passage being through a mass of flames. A 10-year-old boy saved his life by jumping from a second-story window. An explosion of a lamp was the cause of the fire.

## Sheds and Cars Destroyed.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—The car sheds of the Bellefontaine division of the St. Louis transit company were burned today and a large number of summer cars destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$40,000; fully insured.

## Forests Are Destroyed.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 11.—A forest fire is raging in the Tushkuma district of the Indian Territory, destroying much valuable property and timber near the route of the "Priceo" railroad.

## Hotel at Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 11.—The Opera House hotel, first avenue and Nineteenth street, was partially destroyed by fire this afternoon. The hotel was full of guests, but all escaped.

## Old Miner Suffocated.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Richard A. Moran, aged 73, an old California miner, was fatally suffocated near his home here tonight by a fall into a street gutter. He was possessed of considerable property.

## Sends Zionist to Prison.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—The full court of British Columbia has affirmed the judgment of Justice Drake in sentencing Elder

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